

To: Representative Teresa Henry
Chair Health and Human Services Joint Appropriations Sub Committee
Montana State Capitol
Helena, Montana

From: Andree Deligdisch
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Dear Mrs. Henry and members of the Committee,

Today, 2/3/2009, I attended the committee hearing regarding the budget of the Child and Family Services Division. Unfortunately I am not able to attend the public comment section scheduled on 2/4/2009, hence this letter.

I am a long time Clinical Social Worker in Montana, have worked extensively with families and children, and I am very familiar with the work demanded of the Child Protection Specialists.

I strongly support the budget request NP 30015 for 5.0 additional FTE. Federal regulations place more expectations on these workers to comply with federal regulations. Without additional FTE's these people will have to add more tasks to already stressed jobs.

I do want to add that I have no personal gain whatsoever in supporting this request. I am motivated by seeing these workers doing rather heroic work under difficult circumstances.

Thank you,

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